

REMARKS

I. THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

The Office requires restriction of the claims to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a method of preparing a particle composition; and

Group II, claims 10-17, drawn to a particle composition.

In response, Applicants elect Group II, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that a search and examination of the claims in Groups I and II would not place an undue burden on the Office. MPEP 803. In addition, Applicants request rejoinder of Groups I and II in light of the amendment of claim 1 herein to depend from claim 10.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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